

## Free Press.

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## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGERS.

TRAIN PASSENGERS ARRIVED AS FOLLOWS:

Going South: 8:40 A. M. and 6 P. M.

Going North: 8:40 A. M. and 6 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may

send their names to the

press, will please understand that

the parties addressed may not

well enough to favor us with their

names.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to

copies abroad, and by way of encour-

agement so to do, we offer two copies

of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

New lot of cooking-stoves at HINZ's.

Currents, prunes and cocoanuts at

McALLISTER'S.

Wanted to buy a quantity of corn.

Apples and oranges at

McALLISTER'S.

Cash paid for corn by

N. J. TRAVIS.

Fine toilet soaps at the

BOOKSTORE.

Fresh oysters at the Candy Factory.

Buy fruits and candies at Candy Factory.

Fine Flour for cakes at

McALLISTER'S.

Corn wanted.

N. J. TRAVIS.

Christmas candies and raisins at

McALLISTER'S.

Fancy Inkstands and paper weights at

RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

Cardinal Eagle Steam and Royal Patent

stoves just received at

HINZ'S.

Fine lot of candies and Christmas goods

at

H. HARDY & CO.

Finest Tobacco and Cigars at reduced

prices at

McALLISTER'S.

Oranges and lemons at

McALLISTER'S.

Irish potatoes, 1 cent per pound at

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

We sell He No Tea

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

Variety of fresh California fruits at

McALLISTER'S.

Bacon and lard at

McALLISTER'S.

Fresh groceries are being received daily

at

HINZ'S.

WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at the Free

Press office.

A good square meal at Goodspeeds for

25 cents.

Fresh celebrated flour at

McALLISTER'S.

Just received, a fresh lot of lard, bacon

and hams, at

M. HINZ'S.

New potatoes, apples and onions at

McALLISTER'S.

Mr. Cripples on the west side has good

apples, cabbages, etc.

Finest lot of Christmas candies in town

at

M. HINZ'S.

Violins and accordions at

McALLISTER'S.

The best cheese in town at

McALLISTER'S.

Papeteries—Elegant and Cheap

Fine Assortment of desks at

RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

Those who are entitled to our premiums

will please remind us of the fact when

renewing their subscriptions.

Dailey & Bro. will sell to-day their entire

stock of toys at reduced prices to close out

call before it is late.

Jewelry Cases, Toilet Cases, Fine Per-

fumes and extracts at

RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

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## A Word in Season.

We must speak a hasty word ere we go to press on the proper observance of Christmas. We need not say how grossly the hal- lowed day is too often abused by drunkenness and disorderly conduct of all kinds. What low conceptions of the day must they have who can thus desecrate it! Nor are they much better who treat it as a time of mere animal enjoyment and riotous living. Let it be welcomed with all harmless good cheer, but let there be an under current of earnest solemnity, an inspiration of His spirit "who went about doing good," to follow his example. Thus only may we worthily commemorate the natal day of our great Exemplar, or hope for his blessing upon our observance of it.

Christmas turkeys and eggs are abundant.

Through oversight some locals will be

found misplaced on our last page.

Our schools here will have a vaca-

tion of ten days from to-day.

A merry Christmas to all the patrons and

readers of the Free Press.

Let not to remember the needy, and to

do with them of your abundance.

We have on file several contributions

from local poets, to which we will give

attention as soon as practicable.

Christmas givers will bear in mind

the recipient the value of a gift is

measured by its expense.

A several dark drizzly days, the wea-

ther still warm, but appears at this writing

to be unsettled.

Altho there will be no regular paper

next week, the office will be open for job

printing the receipt of subscriptions, etc.

We have another great clubbing offer.

We will publish the Free Press with the

San Marcos Free Press at the same rate

as the Old Journal—\$2.75 for both, to

new subscribers to our paper.

As we go press the supper for the bene-

fit of the Mary company is progressing.

Some of the most esteemed young ladies

have lent the aid.

We press on our 4th page another

graphic portrait of the gifted Hooper bard,

James Whitely Riley. It delineates the

modern old, and the character will no

doubt be recognized by many.

A shed for shooting gallery was begun

next to the Morris saloon, but on the

objection of some of "the neighbors" was

removed. We hope it is now "in opera-

tion" on the west side.

Peterson's Magazine for January is a gem

of literature, art and fashion. This old paper

favorite is renewed its youth and actually

surpassing itself.

Parties desiring to purchase Mr. C. W.

Mann's improved paper holders will please

leave orders with Mr. Ward. A nice present

for Christmas, and will last a life time.

Joseph Burnett & Co. of Central street

Boston, have favored us with a nice little

book of "Household Receipts." It contains

72 pages, and will be mailed to any address

on receipt of 5 two cent stamps.

Thos. Goggin & Bro. music dealers,

Galveston, have favored us with a copy of

a piece of music entitled, "The Galveston

Fire of '85," with an illuminated title page

of the fire and the burnt district.

THE MONARCH.—We have lately re-  
newed our acquaintance with this well known  
original scientific monthly. It has changed  
for the better in form, being now printed  
with large type, which makes it more  
readable. Terms \$2.50 per year, or clubbed  
with the Free Press at \$3.50 for both.

THE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TREE; A  
Christmas story in rhyme, is the title of an  
elegant little Christmas souvenir, beautifully  
illustrated, with a copy of which we have  
been favored by the author, Mrs. Mary O. Bil-  
lings, of Hico Texas. It is issued in fine  
style by the American Publishing Company,  
Hartford, Connecticut, of which state the  
author was a resident when the book was  
written. She is very worthy and gifted  
woman, and we are glad to note the fact  
that she has adopted Texas as her future  
home. The book would make a charming  
present for any young person.

The Crescent we learn now has a practical  
printer and newspaper man connected with  
it. The consequence as we presume is the  
disappearance from its last issue of the  
"plate matter," recently so eulogized by  
confused the justice of our condemnation of  
his "plates." We predict the remarkable  
engraved "head" of the Crescent, upon which  
Hill set his affections as the very ideal of  
artistic beauty, will also soon have to go—  
that is, if the counsel of any good practical  
printer should prevail in his office.

CATCHING AT A STRAW.—In our last issue  
we included a supplement containing the  
President's Message. It was got up by the  
printers of the Houston Post, and we pre-  
sented the sheets of them. In addition to  
the Message there were some advertise-  
ments, among which it appeared as a brief  
card of a wholesale liquor dealer of Hous-  
ton. We did not notice this until our at-  
tention was called to it by our virtuous  
neighbor of the Crescent, who makes it the  
business of a quarter of a column's denun-  
ciation of us, as if we had designedly in-  
serted the advertisement.

Sensible and honest people will be at no  
loss to estimate the slavish captiousness of  
the Crescent at its proper value.

A scurrilous between Dr. Fuller and the  
journalistic prodigy of Kyle caused some  
amusement on our streets Saturday. The  
journalist was indicted of some \$14, fine  
and costs, before Justice Cook, after plea-  
guilty to the charge. The trouble grew out  
of the presentation of a little bill by McLe-  
more.

Interesting from Mayor Giesen.

Notice is hereby given that the city ordi-  
nance prohibiting the discharge of fire  
crackers and other fireworks will be strictly  
enforced.

WM. GIESSEN, Mayor.

[The above was handed in for insertion  
last week, after we had gone to press.—Ed.]

Married.

HILL—COMPTON. At the residence of the

bride's father, Dr. Compton's near Staples

street Texas Dec. 17th 1885, by Rev. J. W.

Vest, Mr. C. G. Hill and Miss Belle Compton.

TATE—STROCK.—On the 17th inst, in this

city by Rev. J. S. Gillett, Mr. F. N. Tate

and Miss Genevieve Strock, both of the vicinity

of Houston.

We hear a good deal lately of our local

politics, but as yet we regard it as being

mostly local gossip.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Poole's infant child died last week.

Tom O'neal killed a white owl the

other day.

Roger Byrne had a hand and one side of

his face quite badly burned at the fire last

week.

We learn that in the case of W. D. Ward,

formerly of this place, a new trial has been

granted on appeal.

Mrs. Jessie Sample, of Calvert—the Josie

Lyle of San Marcos—is visiting at this

place.

We acknowledge a complimentary ticket

to a ball to be given by the Lullin Cornet

Band on the 31st inst.

Capt. Eves remains in the same helpless

condition he has been for some months. Let

him not be forgotten at this gracious season.

Rev. Mr. Joyce with kindly consideration

is again arranging to give the prisoners in

the Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Callaway, whose marriage to Miss

Pierce is recorded in our Wimberley letter,

is a nephew of Mr. E. W. Baker of Kyle.

Mrs. Heaton and her daughters are now

sojourning at San Antonio. Mr. H. our P. M.

(which is postmaster) still "holds the

fort."

Mr. Rose has returned from the west,

looking in better health than for a long time

previous. We believe it is understood he

has come back to stay.

We should have noticed ere this that Mrs.

Mosher is teaching at her home a number

of little ones under the scholastic age. They

could not be entrusted to better hands.

Mr. Williams, the father of Luther, has

arrived and with other members of his fam-  
ily are stopping at the Prescott house. We

believe they expect to settle in town or vi-  
cinity.

Mr. B. O. Clark, Jr., who has been work-  
ing on the Free Press for over three months,

left yesterday morning for his home in Bal-  
trop. We found him an amiable employe.

We acknowledge an invitation to be present

at a masquerade party to be given by

Mrs. Geo. Briggs complimentary to her guest

Miss Gresham on Thursday night, the

31st inst.

We acknowledge an invitation from the

young ladies of Maj. Bishop's school to be

present at their Christmas tree. That being

our time for going to press, to our regret we

could not be present on that no doubt very

interesting occasion.

Hon. Felix Smith, representative for

Texas county, was here the first of the week

on a visit to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma

Mann, and shaking hands with his numerous

friends. He resides near the Hays county

line, in the vicinity of Manchaca.

Soon after our last issue, Mr. Eugene

Garrison rallied, and has since been thought

to be better than before his most severe at-

tack. If it were possible we should regret to

hear of his continued convalescence and

recovery.

We ought to have mentioned in our last

issue a very pleasant call with which we

were favored by our worthy friend Wm.

Purley, of the vicinity of Dripping Springs,

one of the best men in the county, a staunch

friend of education, good morals, and gen-  
uine progress.

The Staples Store boys came up last Sat-  
urday and played near the depot with the

San Marcos club a very exciting game to all

lookers on. The San Marcos boys being in

practice, made an easy winning. The Sta-  
ples Store boys had not played before in

three months.

Mrs. Allen's team ran away one day last

week near Hunter's station, with one of her

little sons and several other youths. The

wagon escaped, carrying under it several of

the boys. Fortunately the horses broke

loose at this moment, or they must have

been seriously injured.

Several teachers of various schools were

in town last Saturday, among whom was

Prof. A. A. Thomas of Prairie Lea, Captain

of the base ball club of that village. He says

he is only casually acquainted with some of

the other club members, but he is glad to

be able to demonstrate how easily they can

beat the challenging party. Can't some of

the other champions accommodate him?

We are requested to call attention to the

## CHRISTMAS TREASURES.

I count my treasures o'er with care:  
The little toy that baby knew,  
A little sock of faded hue,  
A little lock of golden hair.

Long years ago this Christmas time,  
My little one—my all to me—  
Sat robed in white upon my knee,  
And heard the merry Christmas chime.

"Tell me, my little golden head,  
If Santa Claus should come to-night,  
What shall he bring my baby bright,  
What treasure for my boy," I said.

And then he named the little toy,  
While in his honest, mournful eyes  
There came a look of sweet surprise  
That spoke his quiet, sweet joy.

And as he lifted his evening prayer,  
He asked the boon with childish grace,  
Then, toddling to the chimney place,  
He hung his little stocking there.

That night, as lengthening shadows crept,  
I saw the white-winged angels come,  
With heavenly music to our home,  
And kiss my darling as he slept.

They must have heard his baby prayer,  
For in the morn, with smiling face,  
He toddled to the chimney place,  
And found the little treasure there.

They came again one Christmas time,  
That angel host, so fair and white,  
And, singing all the Christmas night,  
They lured my darling from my side.

A little sock, a little toy,  
A little lock of golden hair,  
The Christmas memento on the air,  
A watching for my baby boy.

But if again that angel train  
And golden head come back